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WSRC EMPLOYEES REACH SAFE HOURS MILESTONE

AIKEN, S.C. (December 17, 2008) – Liquid Waste projects managed by the Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC) have now marked 9 million safe hours of operation at the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS).

The 9 million safe hours tally began in March 2006, the last time there was an injury in liquid waste facilities that caused an employee to miss a day of work. Until July 31, 2008, WSRC managed the SRS Management and Operations contract (which included Liquid Waste projects) for DOE. On Aug. 1, WSRC began responsibility for just Liquid Waste projects.

The WSRC achievement means that those employees have worked 9 million man-hours without an injury resulting in a lost day of work. This milestone is equivalent to a 4,500 person organization working a full calendar year without an injury requiring days away from work.

“DOE expects safety to be the fundamental aspect of all our work,” said Terrel Spears, Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project, DOE-Savannah River Operations Office. “I congratulate WSRC on their continued focus on keeping workers safe. The statistics underscore the fact that employees return home each day safe and sound.”

“Staying injury-free is a daily effort,” said WSRC President Steve Piccolo. “WSRC is a leader in the industry because we begin with continuous, excellent safety performance. By challenging at-risk work practices and conditions, and regularly providing positive reinforcement to others for the safe work they do, each of us continues to return home safely to our families and friends. The teamwork between our employees and managers applying the Behavior Based Safety process has been key in approaching our vision of a zero-injury workplace.”

The WSRC achievement comes on the heels of SRS recently receiving from DOE the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star of Excellence (6th consecutive) and the Legacy of Stars Award (2nd consecutive). These achievements are unmatched in the history of the DOE-VPP. The Legacy of Stars is the highest level of recognition in the VPP program.

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“Employees are proud of our safety heritage,” said Patricia Allen, Manager of WSRC’s Environment, Safety, Health, Quality and Contract Assurance. “They want to protect themselves and their co-workers from harm because they care about the team and the work we perform. In fact, a common and vital element to the WSRC milestone is employee ownership and management of safety through Local Safety Improvement Teams.”

SRS is owned by DOE. The WSRC Team manages the contract for liquid waste disposition at the Site. WSRC is a subsidiary of URS Corporation’s Washington Division.

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